

## REMARKS

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2006 (Paper No. 20061011).

Claim 10 has been amended to stylistic reasons. The amendment is unrelated to a statutory requirement for patentability and does not narrow the literal scope of the claim.

In the Office Action, the Examiner identified eleven (11) distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. 121, to elect a single embodiment for prosecution. The eleven (11) embodiments identified by the Examiner are:

- Species I "An Elevator Apparatus" - Figure 1;
- Species II "An Elevator Apparatus comprising car suspension sheaves" - Figures 3-4;
- Species III "An Elevator Apparatus wherein the counterweight is disposed in front in a depth direction" - Figure 5;
- Species IV "An Elevator Apparatus comprising an angle adjusting pulley" - Figures 6-7;
- Species V "An Elevator Apparatus wherein drive machines are disposed side by side" - Figures 8-9;
- Species VI "An Elevator Apparatus wherein first and second main ropes cross" - Figures 10-11;
- Species VII "An Elevator Apparatus wherein first and second suspension sheaves are aligned to pass through center of gravity of the elevator car" - Figures 12-13;
- Species VIII "An Elevator Apparatus comprising multiple deflection pulleys and a single counterweight" - Figures 14-15;
- Species IX "An Elevator Apparatus comprising endless ropes and suspension sheaves mounted to lower portion of the car" - Figures 16-17;
- Species X "An Elevator Apparatus comprising one drive machine and one deflection pulley" - Figures 18-19; and

Species XI "An Elevator Apparatus wherein the counterweight has a reduced width dimension" - Figure 20.

The Examiner also states that the following claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Species I corresponding to claims 1-2 and 13;

Species VIII corresponding to claim 10;

Species VII corresponding to claim 11;

Species II corresponding to claim 13;

Species VI corresponding to claim 14; and

Species IV corresponding to claim 15.

Claim 16 is considered to be generic.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species VIII "An Elevator Apparatus comprising multiple deflection pulleys and a single counterweight" - Figures 14-15, corresponding to claim 10, 11 and 16. Applicant understands that claims 1-3 and 12-15 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications.

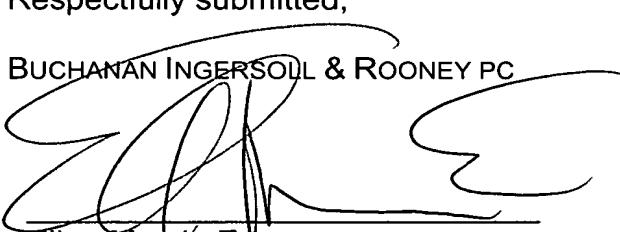
An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 10, 11 and 16 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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